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May 21, 1999

Mr. K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: TRA Docket 99-00347
Third Party Testing of BellSouth's Operational Support Systems
In re: AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc.'s Petition
for the Establishment of an Independent Third Party Testing Program of
BellSouth's Operational Systems

Dear David:

I received a Notice in the above-referenced docket advising interested parties who wish to file comments on the above-mentioned Petition to do so by noon on Wednesday, May 26, 1999. MCI WorldCom has been extensively involved in similar third party testing arrangements in several states throughout the United States. As a result of its experience in these other states in similar type dockets, MCI WorldCom will seek to intervene in the above-referenced docket.

Similar type dockets in other jurisdictions have produced extensive amounts of data, as well as comments by parties. MCI WorldCom desires, as part of its intervention, to provide to the TRA the benefit of its experience in these other similar type dockets. As a result, the comments MCI WorldCom plans to file as part of its intervention petition will be more extensive than what is usually made a part of such an intervention petition.

Because the comments of MCI WorldCom made as part of its intervention petition will be much more extensive in this docket, MCI WorldCom would request an additional week within which to file its petition to intervene. MCI WorldCom believes the substance of its

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comments will be important in framing the issues in this docket. Given the importance of this docket, MCI WorldCom would respectfully request an additional week in which to file its petition to intervene and accompanying comments. Jim Lamoureux of AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc., the Petitioner in this matter, has no objection to this additional time.

Sincerely,

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NOTICE

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PETITIONER: AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc.

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY: Jim Lamoureux

IN RE: AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc.'s
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Party Testing Program of BellSouth's Operational Systems

DATE: May 19, 1999

Interested parties who wish to file comments on the above mentioned Petition should do so by noon on Wednesday, May 26, 1999. All comments should be in writing and filed with the Office of Executive Secretary of the Authority. Copies of the comments and all other filings with the Authority with respect this Petition must be served on all parties.

Sincerely,

K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary